

The Reds in the United States

MOSCOW PLANNED PLOT TO UNDERMINE MORALE OF U. S. ARMY AND NAVY

Destroy or Demoralize the Fighting Men, the Red Call—Weeks and Denby Forewarned, Acted—Secret Documents for the Lenine Emissaries—Soldiers Urged Not to Shoot Strikers.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

New York Herald Bureau.

THE Moscow Communists instructed the leaders of their movement in America to bore into the Army and Navy and the Marine Corps and undermine the morale of Uncle Sam's fighting men. Their efforts were so bold, daring and persistent that Secretary Weeks of the War Department and Secretary Denby of the Navy Department found it necessary to issue warnings to the officers of their respective organizations.

Dr. Leo S. Reichel of Berlin was sent to the United States last winter with instructions from the Western European Propaganda Bureau "to prepare the army, navy and marine forces for a revolution," such as the Communists brought about in Russia. He came in January and inside of three months Secretaries Weeks and Denby found it necessary to act to counteract his work.

Warning by Weeks of Attempts to Breed Disloyalty in the Army

Secretary Weeks, somewhat disturbed at the progress of the Communists in their drive to foster disintegration in the army, and an anti-military sentiment among the people at large, issued the following statement on April 6:

"The War Department has been aware that the Communist program has stressed the breeding of disloyalty among the army and the navy personnel as well as among the citizens at large. Though all opposition to the military organization is not occasioned by such influences, undoubtedly many loyal Americans have lent their support to movements inspired by radical organizations."

The instructions to the Communists, brought by Dr. Reichel, were framed by the Third Internationale; the United States is under the direct supervision of the Western European Secretariat of Propaganda. They were received by the heads of the radical movement here and carried out.

Demolish or Destroy.

The preamble to the instructions referred to the fact that outside of Russia the Red army could not be relied upon. The plan was to destroy the United States army and navy, or so demoralize them that they would be useless to the nation. It was pointed out that the Communist parties of nations other than Russia "possessed but a trifling number of weapons."

"One must come to the conclusion," the instructions said, "that the military organization of the Communist Internationale lacks the force which they could use for a decisive battle with capitalism, without which, of course, it is impossible to obtain victory over capital and the worldwide Soviet Republic."

The instructions read: "Red sections in capitalist armies: Such conditions of affairs has long since prompted the necessity of devoting attention to the army and navy of the capitalist States, and by increased and intensive work, utilizing the experience of the decomposition of the Russian White Guard army, to attain such a condition of affairs that in the ranks of the capitalist armies there would be Red sections which would decompose the army as a whole and turn their bayonets against the capitalist class. This is considered by both the Second and Third Congress of the Communist Internationale in compiling the thesis on propaganda and work, but, unfortunately, the work in this respect gave absolutely no results."

Sees Wars Hovering.

"This must not stop the active Communist forces from continuing the work commenced in this region. But, to the contrary, must develop it intensely, particularly now, when the phantoms of impending capitalist wars are hovering before the world and the capitalist States, manned by compulsory, obligatory or voluntary enlistment, are almost entirely consisting of the most anti-militaristic youths inclined to adopt the Communist ideas."

"The work and organization in this section must be placed at the head of all the future work of the Communist Internationale and its members, and all its strength and means must be devoted to it."

"The principal attention in the first place must be devoted to the personnel of the navy, where the soil is particularly fertile for active Communist propaganda and work, particularly in the English and French navies. In this work it is necessary to work on the following general conditions:

"1. All sailors, by the manner and nature of their lives, are devoid of nationalist ideology and they, as a matter of fact, are internationalists."

"2. The conditions of service of sailors on submarines, cruisers, and in general on ships which make distant trips, are extremely difficult; they enjoy very little rest, their maintenance is very unsatisfactory, and the service is very dangerous to life."

"3. The war did not bring the sailors the moral satisfaction and peace which they were expecting, but, to the contrary, it is bringing on the coming monstrous war on the seas."

Calls Sailors Unruly.

"In the final summary, one should not forget that sailors are least of all subject to subordination and very much inclined to insubordination and disorders. In this respect, the example of the great October revolution (Bolshevik), where an honorable part was played by the Kronstadt and Baltic fleets, and the German revolution, where the principal participants were sailors, are convincing facts. On the basis of all this, the Bureau and the Russian branches of the Communist

supplying of the personnel of the fleet and that their influence can reflect very much on the attitude of the sailors now and particularly during possible mobilizations. Simultaneously, the work already commenced in the occupied territory (on the Rhine, Upper Silesia and Constantinople) among the territorial armies of the Entente must continue to grow and to spread into the detachments already in England, France, &c., proper.

"Special Attention to the Youths."

"At the present moment it must bear in mind the youths which are entering the army on the latest drafts, among whom there is a particularly favorable soil for Communist agitation and the propaganda of pacifist ideas. In this respect it is necessary to give the French, German and English Communist parties full initiative in the sense of determining the tactics and program of agitation, obligating them to conform their work to local conditions. With this it is necessary to point out that their agitators should strive to utilize as often as possible the thousand and one little details of the daily life of the soldier in order to undermine his obedience to the officers, the bourgeois discipline and his duties in defending the bourgeois peace."

"Along with this there must be conducted on a broad scale an increased propaganda of pacifist ideas, ideas of disarmament, and to prove that it is only for their own benefit that the capitalists and bourgeoisie create big armies and are preparing for their own game new conflicts of peoples when they wish to live in peace."

To Spread Pacifism.

The general slogan: ONLY IF THE PROLETARIAT BE MASTER IN EVERY COUNTRY WILL THE CAUSES FOR NEW CONFLICTS DISAPPEAR."

This secret document, brought by Dr. Reichel, was signed by "Znoviev," chairman of the Central Committee of the Third Internationale; "Kata-yama," the Jap Communist, who is in charge of the propaganda section in Moscow, and "Arnold," the secretary. It was dated Moscow, December, 1921, and the official copy reached the United States early in January. The Communist party of America then became active along the lines pointed out by the Communist Internationale. So intense were its activities that the attention of high officers was attracted.

Secretary Denby's Warning.

Secretary of the Navy Denby issued the following orders to the sea branch of the service:

"1. My attention has been called to the fact that there is a sinister plot on the part of the Communists to undermine the morale of the navy and to in-

fluence into its personnel elements of disloyalty and disorder."

"2. I have the most profound confidence in the loyalty and devotion to their country of the commissioned and enlisted men of the United States naval forces; I have no fear that men in any considerable number may at any time, anywhere, be seduced from their allegiance to their country's flag. It is not, therefore, through any thought or suggestion that the United States Navy is in the slightest danger from this propaganda that I issue this warning."

"3. I fear only that some few of our men may be induced innocently at first, when on shore, to join societies having for their purpose the advancement of ideas contrary to our form of government, or which may result in lawlessness. There are, of course, in a personnel as large as that of the navy some disaffected men, and in the hearts of disaffected men false doctrines find ready acceptance."

Directed at Individuals.

"4. I am trying by this warning to save a few individuals who might otherwise affiliate themselves with societies teaching these things which cannot be tolerated in an organization sworn to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and to obey all lawful orders. Should there be any such men in the navy to-day, it is almost certain that if they do not disentangle themselves from affiliation with such organizations, they will ultimately be detected."

"5. I am trying to lessen the number of prisoners in naval prisons. I could not hope to show leniency, however, to any man who, in combination or alone, in violation of his oath, committed acts of disloyalty to this country."

"6. Because I have been one of you I know that all men have their periods of unhappiness—of imagined ill treatment, homesickness and discontent. Such periods come to civilians as well as to men in the naval service. They are a part of life. We must not let them lead us into such folly as desertion or resistance to lawful orders, or particularly into revolt by word or deed against a form of government that has proven in the main a government of liberty and justice."

"7. THE WORLD IS FULL OF FALSE THOUGHTS TO-DAY. I would save that service of which our country is so proud, and of which I happen to be at the moment the head, from the harmful influence of improper theories of government, or false dreams of a better State to be created by anarchy and violence. I would go far to save any one man from the consequences of misdeeds, whether such consequences take the form of physical punishment or only of the deep remorse which must ever follow him through life. So I appeal to the officers and men of the service to be ever alert in guarding

themselves ashore and aloft from the preaching of Sovietism, Communism or anarchy."

EDWIN DENBY, "Secretary of the Navy."

"Don't Shoot Strikers."

When, in August, during the coal strike, it became apparent that President Harding might call into use the soldiers to prevent the destruction of mining property, and to insure the continuance of the production of coal, the Communist party in New York city issued this appeal to the soldiers:

"SOLDIERS! SOLDIERS! DO NOT SHOOT YOUR BROTHERS, THE RAILWAY AND MINE STRIKERS."

"They are not your enemies. They are fighting in order to obtain a scrap of bread for their families. They are useful citizens, workers who have produced millions of dollars' worth of wealth for the war profiteers. Many of them fought on Flanders field. They are now trying to collect some of that democracy and freedom they were promised, just the same as thousands of ex-service men are opposing because it would compel them to disgorge some of the loot stolen from the workers of this country."

"SOLDIERS! Whether you are in the United States army or the militia of the various States, do not shoot the strikers. You did not enlist to engage in the infamous occupation of strike breakers and scab herders. Refuse to do it. Do not help the profiteers take the last crumb from the mouths of the helpless women and children of the working class."

"Remember this, the workers are never your enemies. Soon you may be in their ranks and you would not want to be crushed by armed force."

"Perhaps even now in some other part of the country your father or your brother may be in the ranks of the strikers. Would you want them to be murdered because they ask a mere existence?"

"It is not treason to refuse to become an assassin of the workers. 'CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE C. P. OF A.'"

The Communist party actively supported the demand of the ex-service men for a soldiers' bonus for a two-fold purpose. The payment of a bonus, they believed, would practically bankrupt the Government and make it vulnerable to their attacks to overthrow it. Secondly, they wished to earn the gratitude and sympathy of the soldiers by advocating their cause.

To-morrow's article on the Reds will deal with the view expressed by the Workers Party of the leaders of union labor here. Gompers, Morrison and others are described as "dead timber."

CHAUFFEUR GETS MONTH.

Judge Likens Intoxicated Drivers to Crazy Men With Guns.

William J. Simms, a chauffeur, of 317 Broadway, was found guilty of driving his automobile while intoxicated by Magistrate House in the Traffic Court

yesterday. He was sentenced to thirty days in the workhouse and his license was revoked. He was arrested by Patrolman Hartnett of the West Sixty-eighth street station at Riverside Drive and Eighty-first street.

"Intoxicated drivers in New York city are a worse menace than crazy men with loaded revolvers," said the court in imposing sentence.

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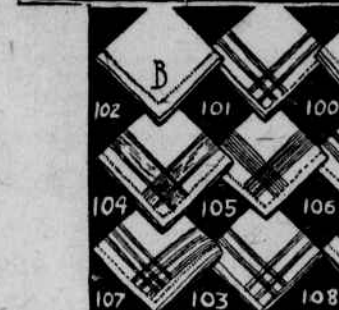
L. Bradford Prince, former Governor of New Mexico, is recovering in his home after an operation at the Flushing Hospital. He was taken ill on Wednesday. Mr. Prince is 75 years old and has been living in Flushing since his return from New Mexico several years ago.

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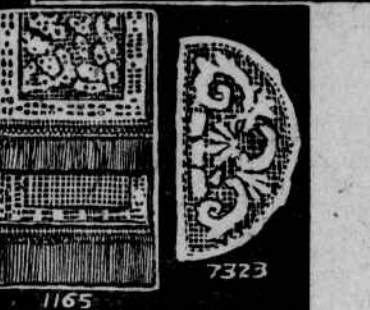
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The Challenge of the Bootleggers

A saturnalia of bootlegging seems to be no exaggerated phrase to describe the startling state of affairs to which the Administration calls the nation's attention. Inspired Washington dispatches tell us that the present Prohibition enforcement methods are "debauching and debasing the entire country"; that the President is "deeply concerned over a belief that the moral fiber of the American people is deteriorating through the open disrespect shown for the effort to enforce Prohibition"; and that "the growth of bootlegging, the temerity of rum-runners, and the serious insinuations against Federal enforcement officers have been worrying the Administration for some months," until finally—"With Prohibition enforcement recognized as on the verge of absolute collapse in four States and in a condition of serious demoralization elsewhere in the country, President Harding considered to-day the issuance of a solemn public appeal to all good citizens to discourage bootlegging as a last resort to administer the law."

"One way to make Prohibition prohibit," declares the New York Evening Post, "would be to arrest some of the prominent and respectable people who buy what the bootleggers sell."

The leading article in The Literary Digest this week takes up the subject of the enforcement of the Prohibition laws and presents the opinions of leading newspapers as to ways and means.

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